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Mini film festival a smash hit

No empty seats on opening night

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Staff Reporter

There simply weren't enough seats in the house last Thursday when the Highlands Media Arts co-operative held its first screening in the "Those Other Movies" film series.

While there may not have been a red carpet or A-list celebrities in the crowd, an overwhelming number of local residents turned out for the inaugural installment in the series, which is set to bring movies from the Toronto International Film Festival to Haliburton's Molou Theatre each month.

Prior to the opening curtain, a long line of eager moviegoers stretched down the sidewalk on the south side of Highland Street. Organizers were initially pleased to announce that the event had completely sold out, but were later apologetic when they had to turn away patrons who did not purchase tickets in advance.

Committee member Jackie Ruddy says the number of residents who showed up for the film was both encouraging and nerve-racking.

"It was pretty incredible but also pretty intimidating to see the line-up on the street," she says. "But we knew it would be popular because of the area, and the kind of people that it attracts," added fellow organizer Roberta Coles.

Tammy Rea, who spearheaded the initiative and is credited with bringing the films to Haliburton, says she expected a decent-sized audience but did not anticipate a sell-out crowd on the first night. With the proof now in the eating, organizers have grown confident that the film series fills a long-standing need in the community, and they are already certain that the series will become an annual event in Haliburton village.

"[The circuit] first started in Sudbury in 1992 and has been running there ever since," says Rea. "I think very few places that start it have it fall off."

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Dozens of film enthusiasts were disappointed when they read Carol Moffatt's sign saying that all the tickets for opening night of "Those Other Movies" at the Molou were sold out. Three hundred ticket owners, however, were well pleased with the project designed to bring some of the Toronto Film Festival to Haliburton.

Election signs break county rules

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Staff Reporter

With the first day of autumn taking hold this Saturday, the vibrant colours of fall will soon beckon to locals and tourists alike. But with election season also upon us, one would be hard-pressed to take a scenic drive in the Haliburton Highlands without encountering clusters of signs boasting the monikers of political hopefuls.

In the municipality of Dysart alone

there are currently 18 registered candidates striving for a seat at the council table, and as a number of hotly-contested battles shape up, some candidates have turned to heavy signage early in the race as a way to get their name out into the public sphere.

Although campaign signs are an inevitable by-product of any election, Dysart, the county roads department, and the Haliburton County Echo have all recently received complaints regarding

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Keeping the lights on is no easy task for Hydro

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It's \$4 million and counting as HydroOne continues to pick up after the August 2 tornadoes and windstorms.

The week after the storm, dozens of crews from across the province worked 18-hour days trying to turn the lights back on across the county.

Although they cleared all the trees that had fallen on lines, they had to leave the ones that had been weakened by the powerful winds.

Today, most of the extra crews have gone home but the Minden office is still getting outside help in identifying the remaining danger trees.

"The problem is that the damage is so widespread," says Bill Smeaton, HydroOne's customer service manager for the Minden district. Usually tornadoes just affect portions of the county but the August 2 storm was a mixture of three tornadoes, various micro-bursts and high winds. "Trees were down all over."

Minden has brought in extra technicians to identify potential problems along the secondary lines. Those trees will then be removed as a preventative measure.

On Saturday, September 2, there was a widespread power outage in Haliburton but it was not a delayed reaction from the storm, Smeaton says. Instead, a leaking insulator burned up one of the feeder arms scheduled to be replaced.

"We're experiencing quite a few trouble calls on weekends on our secondary lines," he says. "There's a big push to get to the trouble areas."

Earlier this spring HydroOne announced that it was spending \$700,000 this summer to improve its system in the Highlands. It is moving lines that are in wooded areas to main roads

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the location of certain signs.

According to a county bylaw, no signage (political or otherwise) is to be placed within 4.0 metres (approximately 13 feet) of any county road, including intersections with municipal roads. Despite this stipulation, a number of election signs can currently be found planted directly alongside county roads in Dysart.

Shirley Kirk, the administrative clerk for the county's roads department, says that the county has been made aware of the infractions and has already taken steps to rectify the situation. All candidates registered for the Dysart election have been contacted either by telephone or e-mail and were reminded of the signage bylaw and what it entails.

That being said, all candidates should have already been aware of the regulations on their signage, because they were presented a copy of the bylaw upon registering for the election, says Dysart's CAO Tammy McKelvey.

Roy Haig, Haliburton County's engineering services manager, says the bylaw is a safety precaution intended

to limit distractions for drivers. The roads department is aware that the bylaw is currently being broken in Dysart but says the department lacks the resources to swiftly remove signs too close to the road.

"We just don't have the manpower. Right now is our busiest season. We have certainly higher priority items that have to be dealt with," says Haig.

Haig says the roads department is still reeling from damage caused by the storm of early August, and they are also preoccupied with a number of resurfacing contracts and some major construction projects, such as the work being done on County Road 1.

"All our fellows right now are working a minimum of ten-hour days," says Haig. "We just wouldn't pay overtime for them to go out and do that sort of thing."

Kirk and Haig both say that there is currently no fine for breaking the bylaw, meaning the only penalty for offending candidates would be the removal and destruction of all illegally-placed signs.

With resources tied up in other projects that could mean the infractions remain without penalty for some time yet.

"We may get to it in a week or so, but it just depends

on how we get things cleaned up out in the field," Haig says.

No similar restrictions exist when it comes to signage on Dysart's municipal roads and while the municipality is aware of which signs are breaking the county bylaw, their roads department does not have the authority to remove the signs from the side of county roads, says McKelvey.

Long-standing reeve Murray Fearrey says this probably isn't the first time the bylaw has been disregarded, but he speculates that the problem has been amplified this time around due to increased competition.

"I think it's more dominant this year, in part because of the early registration of candidates and also because of the number of candidates," he says. "It's a very heated election."

Whereas the township of Minden Hills restricts candidates from displaying signs until 45 days before the election, no such regulations are currently enforced in Dysart.

Likewise, the number of candidates in Dysart is more than double that of its neighbouring township, where several incumbents are still running unopposed.

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Police charge duo with ATV thefts

A 34-year-old Highlands East man and a 17-year-old youth from the same municipality have been charged with break, enter and theft.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP, with the assistance of

the OPP's Rural Agriculture Crime Team, have also recovered two ATVs in the course of their investigation of a break-in.

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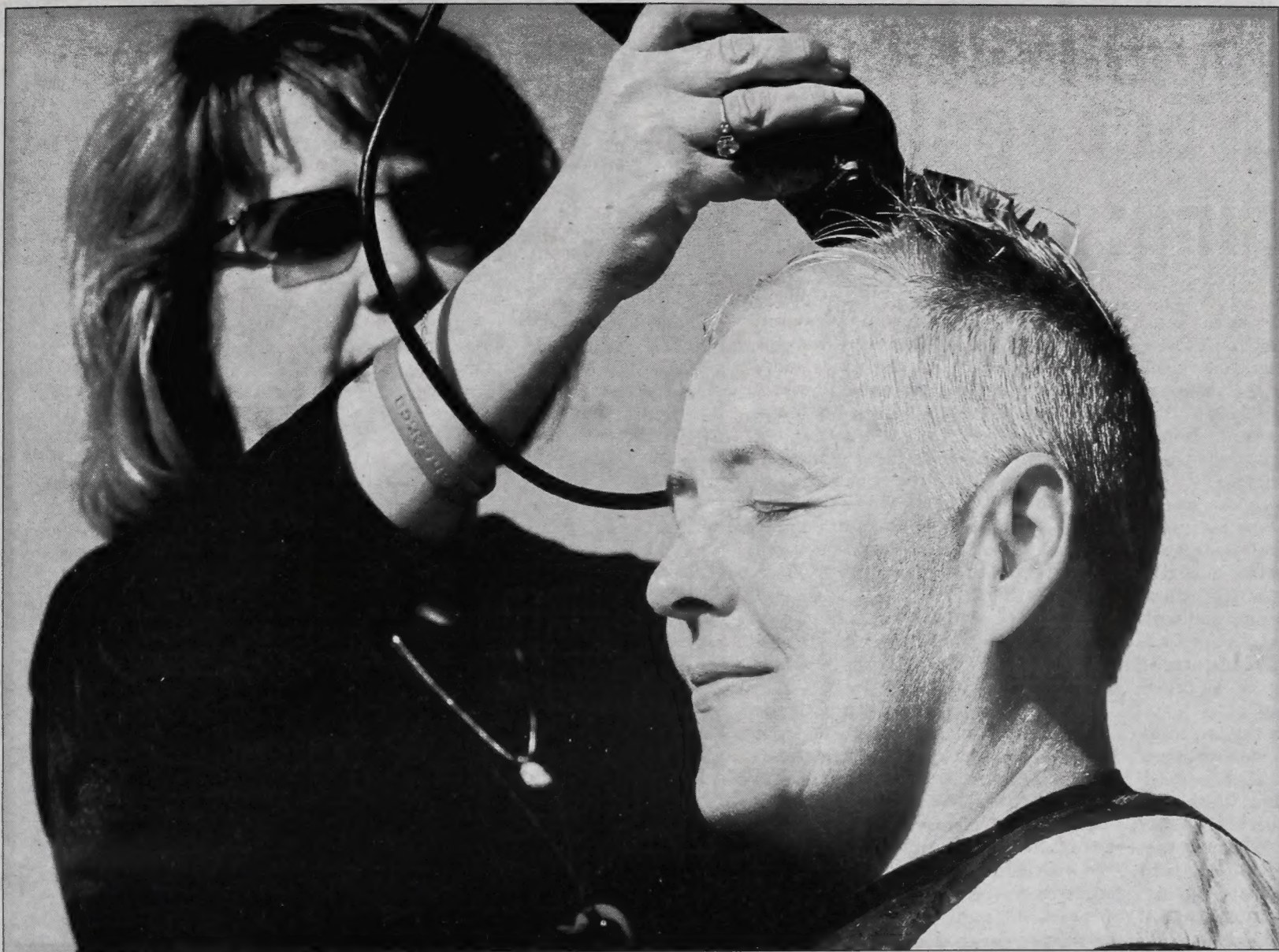
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What's the buzz?

Margo McCrea of the Hair Emporium clips Verna May McKeever's locks, which started out much longer than the Mohawk seen here, for charity last Monday. McKeever had raised money to be donated to a cancer charity, while fellow Lions Ron Barr and Jeannette Muise were buzzed for Campaign First Sight 2, which raises money to support the blind in Third World countries. The head shavings were spawned by Sr. Const. Val Jarvis of the OPP office in Minden. Jarvis will shave her head Wednesday in Saskatoon. Jarvis asked people to shave their heads in honour of their favourite charities.

Building boom puts Dysart on record-setting pace

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the September 11 meeting of Dysart et al council.

With nearly \$21 million in building permits collected by the end of August, the municipality is on pace for a record year.

The total value of permits overshadows last year's August marker by nearly \$1.5 million, even though the total number of permits issued is slightly fewer.

Dysart has issued 230 building permits so far this year, 177 of which were issued over the past four months.

The previous year, 2005, was a record-setting year for the municipality, with more than \$35 millions dollars collected by year's end.

Traffic congestion

Resident Ken Langdon voiced his concerns over the rise in summer traffic congestion on Highland Street in Haliburton. In particular, Langdon noted that the high volume of traffic waiting to turn in and out of the IGA parking lot has resulted in increasingly longer delays for downtown motorists.

Langdon suggested to council that a secondary exit from the IGA lot is necessary, similar to the one at the neighbouring Bargain Shop.

"It's a no-brainer that traffic should be let out behind the IGA," Langdon said. "But how to do that..."

"That's the brainer part," quipped Reeve Murray Fearrey.

With the Highlands continuing to develop and grow, the municipality needs to address traffic concerns before they

become unmanageable, said Langdon. Already the problem is having a negative impact on downtown businesses and is a safety concern for both motorists and pedestrians.

Langdon also suggested the municipality relocate the telephone booths at the corner of Highland and Maple, as they obstruct the view of traffic trying to turn at the intersection.

Fearrey thanked Langdon for his thoughts which he commended as "some good ideas," and said the municipality may look into the feasibility of the suggestions. However, he also noted that the situation is complicated and would not have a quick fix.

"It sounds very simple on the surface but we're also dealing with two separate landowners here," he said. "The other question is, is that really going to solve the issue; is that going to solve the back-ups? That's something that a traffic study would have to determine."

Parking is a big money maker

Haliburton's downtown core was bustling with activity during the past month, and it paid off as far as parking goes.

The bylaw department reported that a total of \$9,780 was collected from the village's parking meters over the month of August. There were also fines from 31 parking infractions.

Gary Heads, the municipal law enforcement officer, noted that a high number of the parking infractions were at the corner of Mountain Street and Maple Avenue, the corner directly in front of the municipal office.

Although parallel lines were painted in this area to signify a

no-parking zone, the department continues to receive verbal complaints, many of which come from the drivers of large trucks or commercial vehicles that need to negotiate a left-hand turn at the intersection.

Vandals

Council has decided to let the lights in Head Lake park shine on, despite a report from Shear Display suggesting the removal and relocation of the lighting system.

After vandals caused damage to some of the park's LED lights, the BIA ask Shear Display to make suggestions on how to deter further vandalism. The resulting report recommended that all lighting in the cedar trees (along the walkway) and in the willow trees (along the water) be completely removed, and the remaining trees' lights be placed three metres or higher from the ground.

Fearrey said council decided against the recommendations because the rash of vandalism has recently tapered off and because raising the lights could ruin their effect.

"If we have to move them up before next summer, that's fine. But they look so much better down lower that I don't think we'll spend the money [to raise them] until we're sure that we have to."

Council was also made aware of damage to the Frisbee golf apparatus in Head Lake park thanks to a letter from Christopher Lowcock, president of the Ontario Disc Sports Association. Lowcock wrote that "the design of these catching apparatus reflects a standard to make them 'vandal proof.' Of course, nothing is truly infallible - three or four

strong people with the intent could bend a basket if that is what they set out to do."

Lowcock estimates that the damage to the course is close to \$1,500, and it most likely took place in the period between July 14 and July 31.

He asked that council consider making the repairs before next summer, as he hopes to bring a PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) event to Haliburton in 2007.

Fearrey said with certainty that no repairs would be made to the course before next spring, but also noted that if a tournament is planned the municipality will do its part to foster the extra tourism.

"If he's going to bring that kind of a tournament here and he lets us know in advance, we'll make sure it's perfect," he said.

New tower

Russ Hemphill of Northern Tower Communications addressed council with a proposal to move the Dysart roads and fire departments' repeater to their Kennis Lake tower.

The commercial tower, located at County Road 7 off West Shore, could provide both departments with communications coverage throughout the municipality, while also offering an automatic backup generator for use during storm surges and power outages.

The Algonquin Highlands fire department, the county roads department, and Laidlaw Bus Lines all use Northern Tower for their communications systems. The municipality of Dysart uses a tower near Skyline Park, which does not have a generator on site.

Hemphill also told council

that his company could assist Dysart roads in applying for a separate frequency which would alleviate congestion during fire calls and emergencies. Currently, both the roads and fire departments share one frequency within the municipality.

Council has directed Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan to conduct a trial of the tower's frequencies to ensure that coverage spans across the entire municipality. If everything appears to be in order, Fearrey says that council will strongly consider accepting Hemphill's proposal, as it would save the municipality from having to purchase a generator for the existing site.

Lions toll bridge

Council gave permission to the Haliburton and District Lions Club to operate its annual toll bridge on Saturday, September 30 near Emmerson Lumber. The event raises funds for community betterment. It was originally set to be held on August 5, but was postponed due to the tornado damage.

Landscaping on hold

After receiving only two bids for a landscaping job at Haliburton's new health centre, council opted to hold off until next spring to give the site a cosmetic makeover.

Concerns were expressed over the price quoted in both bids, which were thousands of dollars higher than originally expected. Councillors also questioned whether the work could be completed before winter takes hold.

Rather than make a hasty decision, council decided to re-submit the job for tenders in February, in hopes of having the job underway sometime next spring.

Schools do better in math but decline in reading: EQAO

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board got mixed results in the most recent province-wide testing.

Last week the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released provincial results for the 2005 – 2006 Grade 3 and 6 assessments of reading, writing, and mathematics and the Grade 9 assessment of mathematics.

Results for Trillium Lakelands show an increase in achievement over last year's results in Grade 3 math, and Grade 9 academic and applied math. A slight decrease in results over last year was seen in Grade 3 and 6 reading and writing, and Grade 6 math. As a board, Trillium Lakelands has made steady progress in most areas since the beginning of EQAO assessments.

"We are pleased with the improvements over last year in Grade 3 math and Grade 9 math," says Director of Education Kathy Verduyn. "Although we are not satisfied with the overall results in Grade 3 and 6, I know that teachers and students are working hard to make further improvements. We continue to be very committed to the student achievement agenda."

The board develops an improvement plan each year which will be revised based on information learned from the EQAO detailed results. The plan includes further implementation of the new language curriculum, the addition of literacy coaches to assist teachers in learning new instructional strategies, and the continuation of new assistive technology initiatives for students with special needs.

"We are in the process of examining the detailed results with schools and have found a number of areas in which individual schools have made good progress," says Superintendent of Program (JK-6) Shelley Mierle. "We are developing additional plans to assist where progress has been slower."

"We are generally pleased with the achievement of our students in the Grade 9 EQAO assessment of mathematics," adds Superintendent of Program (7-12) Dale Robinson. "We remain well above the provincial average for students who have achieved the provincial standard. We will continue to look for ways for our students to continue to improve their achievement, particularly in the applied level."



Hydro has had its work cut out for it following the August 2 tornadoes and windstorms. Extra crews to help with the immediate problems have gone home, but outside crews are still here to identify danger trees that should be removed.

Burying lines is not feasible

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where there is less risk that the lines will be toppled by trees. Crews are working on Spring Valley Road near Minden now and will soon start on Hwy 118 from Loon Lake to Haliburton.

But if it cost \$4 million to cut through the fallen trees, wouldn't it be worthwhile to invest in burying the lines?

"We can't bury 44 kv lines," Smeaton

says. "The voltage is so high and the cost is tremendous."

Given the rocky and swampy terrain of the Highlands, "we'd end up with a lot of up and down lines" – lines that are buried for a distance, then above ground, then buried again.

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Suspense is writer's bait for catching readers

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Joy Fielding was walking by a movie theatre with her sister one day when a poster caught their eye: "This movie will give you nightmares for the rest of your life!"

"Why," her sister asked incredulously, "would someone want to go to a movie that gives them nightmares?"

Joy's response? "I can't wait!"

Many of Fielding's fans have the same reaction when it comes to her next book. Fielding has a way of using suspense to draw the reader into a plot so deeply that they can't, and don't want to, get themselves out of it.

"What you want to do," Fielding says of her goal as an author, "is connect with people's emotions. When you put people on edge, it involves the reader in an interesting way."

Her latest book, *Mad River Road*, is about a lunatic who's out to kill three women. The reader knows it but the women don't. This makes the book fall under the "psychological suspense" category, as did a previous book, *Whispers and Lies*. The book she just finished, *Heart Stopper*, is bound to live up to its title. It's a real thriller whereas the book she'll be discussing when she comes to Haliburton to speak to local book lovers on October 15, *Puppet*, is the closest she gets to a murder mystery.

Fielding belongs to the Alfred Hitchcock school of suspense: indulge yourself in a slow build up of fear rather than a jolt of shock.

"I love the feeling of dread," she says

in a telephone interview to promote her upcoming visit. Although she wouldn't like the feeling in real life, when it takes place in the pages of a book, "you can enjoy the danger but not the threat."

"As long as I know I'm safe, I'm okay. I wouldn't like it to happen to me, though."

The only book she's ever had to stop reading because it scared her too much was Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*. What terrified her was the knowledge that it was all true.

As an author who sometimes uses fear to grab a reader's attention and keep it, she's never been frightened during the process of writing, even though she's deliberately creating images to frighten her readers.

"I don't scare myself because I'm in control and know what will happen," she says. When she was writing *Whispers and Lies*, however, one of her characters ended up doing something so horrifying that she surprised herself.

"I went 'Oh, my God.'"

"Those moments are great and sometimes I can be shocked by what I write."

Her background as an actress helps her get into her character's head as she's writing but at the same time, she has the detachment of a director who must look at the entire scene.

But she doesn't have to use fear to make her books page-turners. Her first book, *First Time*, is an intimate love story while her second, *Grand Avenue*, is an epic novel about marriage, motherhood and murder. Each has its own plot and characters but the theme is a common one: women's search for themselves and the odd and fascinating



Writing is such a solitary act that Joy Fielding says it's a pleasure to come to Haliburton to speak with her fans.

places where that search can often take them.

The characters are all fully formed, with dialogue often used to give the reader insight into their personalities.

"I try not to be judgemental of my characters," she says. "Everyone has a reason for what they do. Very few people intentionally set out to do harm."

In *Puppet*, her main character loses her virginity at a cottage in Haliburton. Does that mean Fielding is familiar with the area?

It's been several years since she's been here, she says, but she does love being invited to friends' cottages. (She splits her own life between Toronto and Palm Beach, Florida.)

Fielding is very excited to be coming to Haliburton County for a county-wide book club discussion about her book, *Puppet*.

"Writing is such a solitary act," she says. "I spend most of my day alone in my room and it's especially nice to be with people who are reading my books. It's so gratifying to connect with readers; you see how you are affecting other people. It's interesting to hear what readers get out of what you're writing; it's sometimes a lot more than what you intentionally put in."

Selling books is a tough business in a multi-media world and she credits book clubs with helping to keep the publishing industry alive.

The afternoon is being organized by Stanhope book club aficionados Jessie Pflug and Ellie Malcolmson. They chose *Puppet* because it's the most recent Fielding book to be available in paperback, making it more affordable for people to buy to read beforehand. The event is at Fleming College in Haliburton and tickets are \$15 each. They are available at The Storeroom in Minden and Master's Books in Haliburton.

For more information about the book club gathering contact Jessie Pflug at 489-3024, info@stouffermill.com, or Elly Malcolmson at 489-1759, jimelly@interhop.net.

For more insight into Fielding's books, visit www.joyfielding.com.

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Role models

The passing of Gordon Monk makes one realize how much of an impact a single person can have. As the list of organizations to which he belonged was being compiled for a story to appear in tomorrow's *Minden Times*, it was extraordinary to realize how many facets of Highlands life he touched.

The hundreds of people who participated in Sunday's Terry Fox Run also are a testament to one man's lasting legacy. While few people will ever have the opportunity, or desire, to become a national hero, Terry Fox probably didn't feel like anyone special when he began his lonely trek. He didn't start his run with the dream of becoming a famous icon but he had inside of him all the characteristics needed to become a person who will be admired for decades.

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editorial

martha perkins

On a smaller scale, the parents who patiently biked, walked and ran with their children in Sunday's event are also role models. They too deserve to be emulated and admired for the positive messages they are providing for their children. One message is that it's important to think of others. Every child who took part was told the story of Terry Fox and his selflessness. The other message is that being active is a lot of fun and that you can easily incorporate it into your lifestyle. These parents are from the "Do as I do" school of thought. By participating in such recreational activities themselves they are exposing their children to healthy options. It will be more natural for them to be active. Kudos as well to the family who saved up all their loonies over the year to contribute to the cancer fundraiser. One simple act, painless on a day-to-day basis for most families, can make so much of a difference.

Over in Wilberforce, principal Birdie Murphy has used her new passion for jogging to inspire her students to train for the cross country run later this month. She's not standing on the sidelines with a stop watch, telling them they can do one more lap; she's running right next to them, saying if she can do it, so can they.

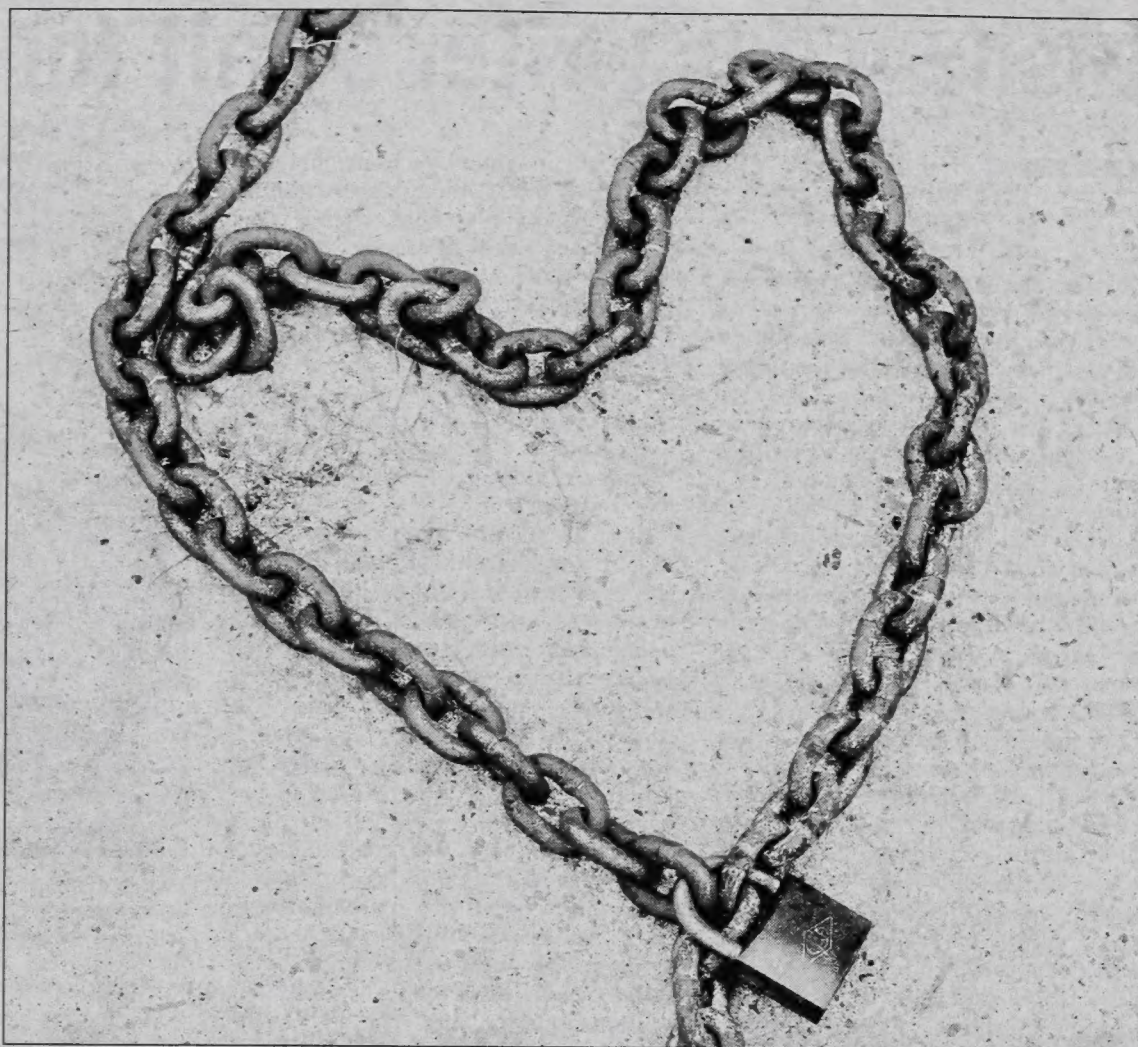
Sometimes the heroes of our lives – both our national and local lives – do so much that they can intimidate others. But not everyone has to be a Gord Monk or a Terry Fox. They just have to find little ways to make the world around them a little better, whether it's putting a loonie in a jar every day or going for a bike ride on a Sunday morning. That's something that's in everyone to do. You just have to make a start.

Park it

If it wasn't for those darn hills, traffic in downtown Haliburton would be so much better. But the hills that provide such a beautiful backdrop to the village also make summer traffic a nightmare. There's no easy fix such as widening a road or adding a new one; you literally hit a wall of rock.

At least there are still complaints about downtown parking. That's a positive thing. There had been concerns that with the addition of Todd's Independent on the outskirts of town, all that ample parking would be a magnet for shoppers who hate the chaos of main street. But, traffic headaches or not, customers still find it worth their while to shop downtown.

If the Communities in Action committee had its way, a lot of the problems would be solved by parking the cars and getting around the core of the village by foot. Maybe park in the public lots off main street and walk (unless you've got bags of groceries to lug.) Now that's a concept.



Chains of love.

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Grab your handbook and take a hike

My friend and sometimes real estate colleague, Lindsay Elder, has just finished putting together the 4th Annual Hike Haliburton Festival handbook, a copy of which was duly handed out around our office. I really couldn't call anyone here a hike-o-holic, even though some of us have had the best of intentions on some occasions.

We are, however, very vocal when it comes to interpreting some of the rather esoteric and exotic hikes that Lindsay and her group from Trails and Tours, have dreamed up. Well, some of them were dreamed up by the hike leaders, as well.

For example, there's the 'I spy an Esper' hike. It is led by Don Wright and it is considered a 'moderate' hike. Which means it will be tougher than that, don't kid me, Don. And at the end of it all, you will know what an 'Ester' is. And it's not an egg.

Another interesting hike that caused much comment, was the 'Benches and Windows' hike, brought to you by Carol Kilby. First of all, I liked the sound of 'benches' because it meant we would be able to sit down, but that was just part of this very enriching experience that will allow the hiker to focus on a new eco-cosmology, a new world-view and point of view of the connectivity and wisdom of nature. And Carol will no doubt be able to tell us what all this means. Then there's 'Millin' around the Mill, which is self-explanatory. There's also the 'walk in the clouds' at Haliburton Forest, which

I have already done and highly recommend.

You can also take the Fall Botany Walk to learn what plant is what. And finish up with 'Walking on the Right Side of the Brain.' We all know about the right side of the brain, right?

It's the side that wants to play, while the left side wants to do your homework. So you can expect to enjoy this particular walk. Thanks to story-teller Jim Blake.

So, having made a study of Lindsay's very handy handbook, some of us decided to create our own walks for her perusal.

She didn't like Grace Lougheed's idea of the Par-Five at Beaverbrook Hike, where you'd follow your golf ball into and out of the rough on the 'tough 1st hole dog-leg left. Vince Jarvis and Tom Gardner volunteered to head up a Breakfast Tour, which consisted of a brisk drive over to The Brown Owl for bacon and eggs. N.G. apparently.

Yours truly offered to teach the art of hailing a cab out on the Bobcaygeon Road, but that was met with raised eyebrows.

Doug Johnson came the closest when he suggested the 'Race to Bracebridge for Chinese Food', but it was decided that this one would cost more than it would earn. Oh yes, each hike costs \$2 or more if you really enjoy it. And just to make sure you will enjoy it, there's a big Blast-off Barbecue and night hike on the Friday.

There's also a silent auction on Saturday. This all goes on October 13th-15th.

So better start getting in shape.



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Braveheart

I've never really thought of myself as being any braver than the average man. When I was a kid, for instance, the winged monkeys in the Wizard of Oz made me nervous. Not horribly nervous, but just nervous enough to run behind my dad and yell, "Take my sister, she smells like bananas!"

This one character flaw and the mandatory brightly coloured tights are the primary reason that I never pursued a career in superheroing. Unfortunately, this dearth of bravery has followed me into my adult life too, and it might even explain why I pack more underwear than the average man when departing on a bear hunt. Having said that, there comes a time in every man's life when he must stand up and face fear head-on. For me, that time came last Monday while watching the Ellen De Generes Show.

Tales from



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That's when starlet Jessica Simpson announced that she scares men off. She said she wants to find love but the sad truth is that men are absolutely terrified of her.

I just want to announce, here and now, that I, for one, am not afraid.

Call me crazy but I just know that, given the chance to lock limbs with the tall, voluptuous, young, beautiful leggy blond, I would not falter. No matter how physical or ugly things got, I would stand my ground.

I'm not denying that it would be an epic act of self-sacrifice; me standing there, facing her as she struts aggressively towards me wearing Daisy Duke shorts, cowboy boots and a tied-off shirt that exposes an obvious and unrelenting navel. All this, while men, brave men, all around me flee in abject terror. I'm not normally a hero but I would selflessly throw myself in her path and hold her at bay so that they could retreat to relative safety. I just know I would.

"Aren't you afraid of me?" she'd ask in a sultry voice as we begin to wrestle, best two out of three falls.

"No," I'd answer, as I tried in vain to dislodge my eyeballs from her cleavage. "No, I'm not."

As hard as you might find this to believe, it would be true. I can honestly say that Jessica Simpson doesn't scare me one little bit. Go ahead; call me Braveheart.

Honestly, this even has me a bit puzzled.

But I have been giving this some thought of late, wondering why I am not afraid of her when countless other men are obviously petrified. And I think it all comes down to wings and tails. For example, I'm not afraid of monkeys - they just have tails. But add wings to the mix like they did in the Wizard of Oz and that's an entirely different matter. Suddenly, I'm happily directing them towards my sister.

Jessica Simpson, on the other hand, has neither wings nor a tail, at least that I'm aware of; so the implication then is that she scares the opposite sex off because she's too sexy and beautiful.

I think it's quite obvious from my column photo that this is a problem I can relate to. In fact, I wish I had a tail and wings just so I could live a more normal life. Instead, I am cursed by this unnatural beauty. And because of it, I've been scaring women ever since I can remember.

In my bachelor days, my legendary sex appeal, rugged good looks, and cougar-like physique were enough to repel throngs of eligible women, often for months at a time. Poor smitten fools, the desperate longing could not have been easy for them.

It's a cross I've learned to bear though. Perhaps this is why Jessica Simpson and I are not already together, for it is said that only opposites attract and, dare I say it, we two beautiful beings are merely two peas in a pod. If only she were as brave as I.

The point is, I'm just not afraid.

Jessica, I think it's safe to assume that you read this column. So I'm calling you out, if indeed you have the guts to confront your worst fears.

I want you to know that I am not afraid of you in the least. That's because I am not the kind of man who turns tail and runs when confronted with a young lithe woman with legs that just won't quit. I guess I have true grit.

Remember that. I am absolutely fearless. By the way, can I just ask everyone not to mention this column to my wife?



pic of the past

In June 1972, guests gathered at the waterfront of Deer Lodge to watch Bud Thayer try out his new canoe, given to him for his retirement years. Bud was born and grew up in Haliburton Village. He began his teaching career at Dwight, Ontario in the 1930s. During the war, school boards had to scramble for qualified teachers and, when the Haliburton High School needed a principal who could teach multiple courses across several disciplines, the board invited Bud to take on the challenge. He ended his career in 1972 at the Haliburton County High School. In the photo, from left, are Joe Iles, Alwin Robertson, Russell Woodcock, Dale Robinson, Marie Hodgson, Anna English, Frank Andison, Bob Herlihy, Bill Emmerson, Dorothy Thayer, Phyllis Woodcock, Doug Hodgson, Kirk Thayer, Cecil Irwin. Our thanks to Tom Hodgson of Haliburton Lake for sharing the memories with us.

letters to the editor

Dysart candidates need to play by the rules

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to our up and coming election.

I just can't fathom that most of our new people vying for office have no respect for the law regarding the posting of their election signs.

When people register to run in an election they are given a package that outlines what they are allowed to do, as well as what they can't do. The package states that all campaign signs must be 12 feet from the side of a road, not on the shoulder.

After calling the county roads department on August 8 I was informed that all people running were notified by mail earlier in the week and told to remove any signs in violation of the bylaw. Later that day I got a call back from them telling me "all people running were also called by phone."

I asked what will happen to the violators and was advised that the county would send someone out to pick up and destroy all the signs. I also asked if a fine would be handed out, if for no other reason than to pay for the worker sent out to retrieve them, but the employee I was talking to didn't know if there was any fine.

In my opinion if no fine exists (perhaps our county council should pass one) then I believe the

OPP should fine them under the littering law for creating this visual pollution.

As for the candidates in question, I feel they should all step down. They have clearly demonstrated their willingness to break the law prior to the upcoming election; just what kind of councillors are they going to make?

I just can't fathom why delegates think the more signs they put up the better chance they have of getting elected, when in truth it is just the opposite.

The more signs that I see defacing my county and township roads with visual pollution, the angrier I am at that candidate.

Come on, all you hopefuls: the only colour I want to see is the fall colours of the trees that generate all that needed income at this time of the year.

Just what kind of impression are you giving to all the people that come here?

In conclusion, I ask both counsels to proceed with the appropriate legal actions to have all election signs that are in violation of the bylaw removed and destroyed, and levy the appropriate fines and or charges for implementing this action.

Peter Cowen
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Frost Centre forum brought weaknesses to light

To the Editor:

It was heartening to see such a large turnout for the community forum on Aug 29. It clearly showed that the Frost Centre is still very much on the minds of the citizens of Haliburton and Muskoka. At the same time the forum did underscore some weaknesses and brought to light some significant differences in the two proposals.

The weaknesses first.

It's been on the minds of many people who care about the Centre that the Friends of the Frost group, while ideally suited with the experience and expertise to assume control of the new centre, is not adequately funded and would continue to be a financial burden on the Ontario government. While it's true that the Friends do not appear to have pockets as deep as the Frost Centre

Article prompts TODS action

To the Editor:

Many thanks to Echo summer reporter Rachel De Lazzer for doing such an in-depth article on the trials and tribulations all of us experienced with our blue Ontario TODS signs. Obviously her probing worked!

After more than 18 months of trying to get some action with the American company hired by the Ontario government to look after the tourism signs, many of us got our signs up this week and most of the problems have been addressed. No doubt, Rachel rattled some chains when she talked with the company representatives and the Ministry of Tourism during her research for the article.

We are all most appreciative for her excellent coverage of this most frustrating experience.

Well done!

Debbie Wales
Earth and Fire Pottery

Institute group (FCI), it should be pointed out that neither group will cost the government anything. Both groups will be financially sustainable. The Friends expect to draw on their own reserves in the first year, but expect to be fully sustainable by year two.

The FCI came under fire for its references to a 'high end' summer camp which, but for a few scholarships, would be available only to those wealthy enough to afford it. In its defence the FCI did acknowledge some loss of public accessibility but argued this was necessary to ensure financial sustainability.

Several further questions relating to FCI's dual education plan immediately come to mind. FCI offers free education to school kids across the province over the remaining 35 weekends of the year. But how practical is this? First, are students really willing to give up their weekends? Are teachers? Second, what really can be accomplished in a day and a half when at least six hours of that time is consumed in travel? Third, how will unions react? What will OPSEU think of putting teachers in that situation? And finally, is it really fair to limit school kids to the colder months of the year for their outdoor education, especially when one of the secrets of the Frost Centre's uniqueness has always been the magic and beauty of its surroundings, which is more accessible when one is comfortable.

To many of us this leads into the most revealing difference between the two proposals.

The Friends' proposal speaks eloquently and powerfully to a process of restoring, indeed of surpassing what was unique, precious and vital in the old Frost Centre. The FCI proposal does not. Simply put, it misses the fundamental driving spirit, the heart and soul of the former Frost Centre - its very reason to be. And this means, if it succeeds, it will not have saved the Frost.

If one looks closely at the Friends' proposal one is immediately struck by its cohesion, and by its focus on the central theme of environmental sustainability. In its very opening statement they tell us they are dedicated to awakening and increasing our understanding of ecosystems and how they can be sustained for our chil-

dren and grandchildren. They never waver. Every initiative in every aspect of their proposal revolves around this and closely related themes.

Look at the services they offer. Examine their client list. Even at the levels of what they call openness, consultation and collaboration you'll find it's with already like-minded organizations. The point is, this approach not only reflects and respects the best of what the Frost has been; it also reflects the need to be at the cutting edge of sustainable ecology education.

How does the FCI miss this spirit? Perhaps it can best be pinpointed by the diversity of its operation, necessitated by the rationale of its business plan. That plan calls for great attention and time being allocated to the money-generating side of its proposal. In order to run its summer camp it must put the Centre off limits to the community for most of the summer. And while those campers will presumably get some environmental education, this will be interspersed with water sports, team sports, arts and crafts and other fun activities. For a very few there will be the opportunity to work under scientists doing research at the Centre. Over the rest of the year, free environmental education will be offered to school kids, but only on the weekends.

Not just the potential numbers of students is a concern here. Thirty-five weekends or 70 days a year are the offerings for the average school child in the province. Take away the six hours minimum for travel and these children's opportunity for this vital part of their education is reduced to less than one quarter of the year. The other five days of those weeks will be available for such moneymakers as conferences. We're also told they'll tailor a course to anything 10 or more of us want. Good business maybe, but little to do with that environmental education geared towards fostering the understanding of ecosystems.

It's clear the Friends have a better sense of what the Frost Centre can give us in this world that so badly in need of environmental stewards. They don't say 'What do you need for your credit?' or 'Tell us what you want and we'll design a course for you'. They do say, 'Understanding the things we teach here is extremely important, not only for you and your children but for your children's children. The Frost Centre is where you can begin to learn about these things so vital to us all.'

Dave Heaven
RR#1 Minden

Editor's note: Dave Heaven is a member of the Friends of the Frost Centre and Perma-Frost.



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Receiving the gift of life

Echo reporter has first-hand knowledge of how a blood donation can save someone's life

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

I WAS ONLY 15 YEARS OLD when I received my first blood transfusion, and it certainly came unexpectedly.

Only days before my high school let out for Christmas break I fell ill quite suddenly. Overwhelmed with fatigue, persistent fever, swollen lymph nodes, and sore throat, I sought the advice of a physician and was diagnosed with a streptococcal infection (strep throat), accompanied by mononucleosis (the kissing disease.)

For weeks I lay at home in bed, waking only to swallow my next scheduled antibiotic, along with two Advil to dull the searing pain that assailed my throat. I had stopped eating almost entirely. I had lost all sense of an appetite, but even if I were hungry, I doubt I would have eaten anyhow. My throat had swollen so tight that even the softest foods felt like jagged rocks being forced down my throat.

As Christmas passed I began to feel better. My spirit was lifted in the presence of family, my love affair with food was rekindled, and the antibiotics seemed to gain an upper hand on the beleaguered bacterium. I was up and walking about, on the road to recovery, oblivious to the damage that occurred in the process.

A few days after the holiday had passed I visited the mall to do some Boxing Week shopping but, as the crowded mall bustled with life, I felt consumed by weariness. With every twenty steps I took I would have to sit, rest, and summon up enough energy to soldier onward for twenty more.

That night, I returned home and told my mom exactly how I was feeling, a rare occurrence when you're 15. Just as any mother would, she grew increasingly concerned, but I remained dismissive. Certain that I knew my health better than she did, I made my way upstairs to my bedroom.

When my mom shook me from a heavy slumber hours later it must have been two or three o'clock in the morning. With a panicked look on her face she said to me, "Wake up, Greg. I'm taking you to the hospital." For once, I didn't dare challenge her judgment, and lucky for me. Turns out, my mother saved my life that night.

At the hospital, doctors discovered that my previous daily regimen of water, antibiotics, and ibuprofen had literally eaten a hole in my stomach. Ultrasounds and a gastroscopy determined I was bleeding internally, and had been for a few days, due to a large ulcer in my stomach lining.

Immediately I was given two units of blood, the gift of life from strangers I may never meet. In the next 24 hours I received an additional three units, as well as some plasma, for good measure I suppose.

I spent several days in the intensive care ward, followed by several more in a standard hospital room. On New Year's Eve I watched the ball drop in Times Square from a hospital bed; alone, but happy just to be alive for the start of another year.

Over time the ulcer healed completely,

and each time that ball drops in New York City the whole experience fades a little more in my mind, as memories are meant to do. But one thing I won't ever forget is how the generosity of strangers kept me alive that night, allowing me to pursue my dreams for just a little bit longer.

Perhaps the most uplifting aspect of this story is that it doesn't stand alone. With every passing day more and more Canadians receive the gift of life from gracious donors; unknown heroes, who selflessly make all the difference in another person's life. But just how great is the need?

Canadian Blood Services estimates that, on average, someone in Canada requires blood or blood products every minute of every day. An Ipsos-Reid poll seems to reinforce that reality, with 52 per cent of respondents saying that either they or a family member had received blood or blood products at some point in their lifetime.

However, the same poll found that less than four per cent of eligible Canadians donate blood every year, which means the number of active donors from coast to coast pales in comparison to the number of recipients who require transfusions as a result of surgery, treatment for illnesses such as cancers and heart disease, or accidental mishaps that can occur at any time.

With an aging population, Canadian Blood Services has an uphill battle ahead. In the coming years, healthcare activity is expected to increase significantly, and as a result, so too will the demand for blood.

The hitch is that a large segment of Canada's most loyal donors are adults and senior citizens, many of whom are on the cusp of crossing over from blood donors to users of the blood system. In fact, Canadian Blood Services estimates that 80,000 new donors are needed this year alone to build a long-lasting and sufficient donor base for the years to come. Of course, there is a bright side.

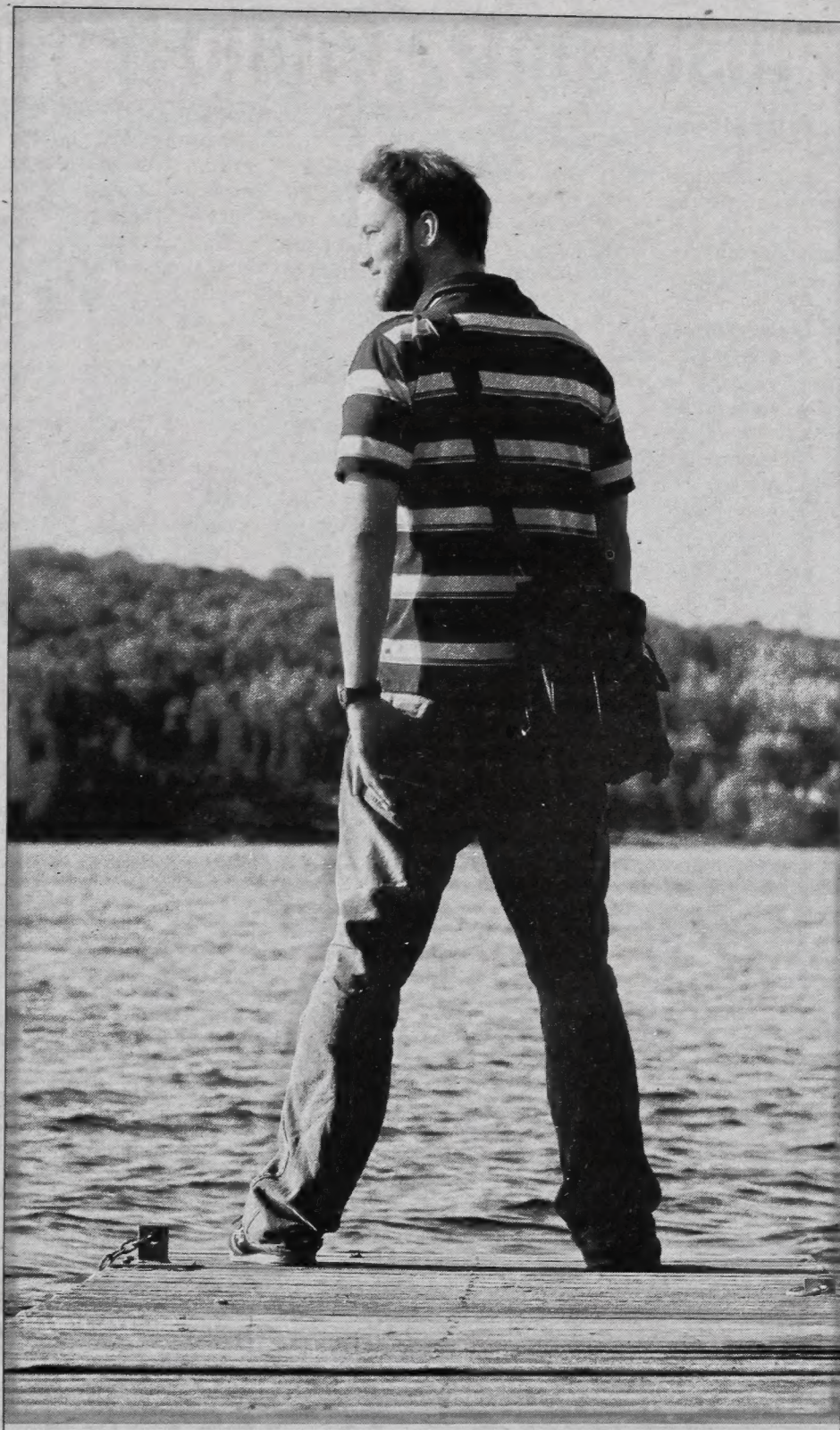
Over the past four years the number of donors seems to be growing, albeit slowly. With every passing year, more and more Canadians recognize the increasing need for blood, and they are willing to help Blood Services overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

As a past recipient of blood, I was thrilled to see the Haliburton Legion bustling with life during last Monday's donor clinic. Hundreds of people from this community set aside the time to roll up their sleeves and give, and they can rest assured that their gift was well-received by someone in need.

Many people are unable to donate blood, for health reasons or otherwise, but for those of us who can afford to give, our help is certainly needed and its impact will surely not go unnoticed.

It's often said that with every donation of blood up to three lives can be saved, which is altogether remarkable, when you sit down and think about it. At the end of the day, what more reason could one need?

For more information on donating blood, or to schedule an appointment, please call Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-2-DONATE.



Looking back, Greg Hoekstra realizes that it was his mother's concern and a blood donor's selflessness that saved his life when he was only 15. He is now a staff reporter with the Haliburton County Echo.

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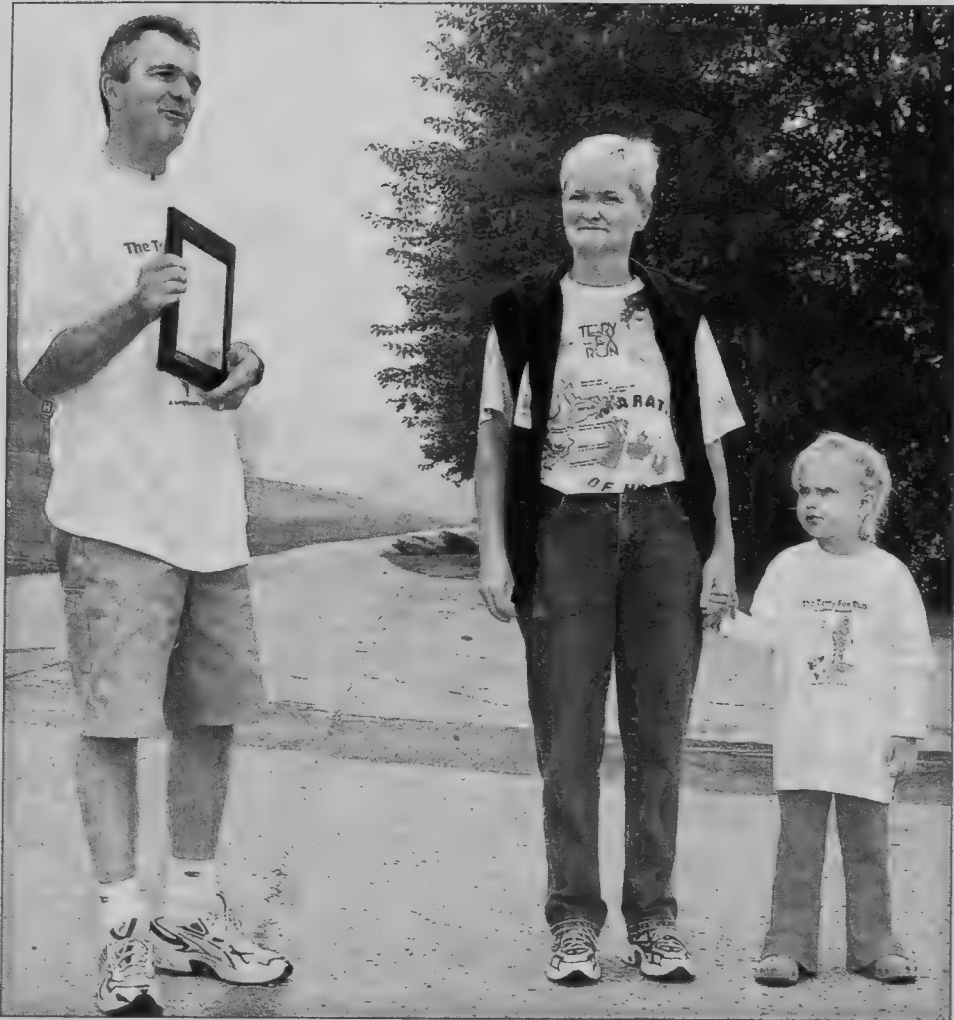
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Above: Aggie Tose and four-year-old granddaughter Emma Dawson present Andy Salvatori with a plaque honouring 10 years of volunteerism. After organizing the annual event for the past decade, Salvatori passed the reins on to Tose at the conclusion of Sunday's run. Top right: Jessica Duchene and Kieran Poropat ready their bikes during a misty morning in the Highlands. Bottom right: Cyclists were the first to leave the starting line, but they couldn't beat runner Gordon Mayer (at left) back to the finish line. Mayer, a cottager from Toronto, comes to Haliburton annually to run in the Terry Fox Run. Organizers estimate that the 96 participants registered in this year's run raised more than \$8,300 for cancer research.



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Enthusiasm for movies no longer doubted

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"In Haliburton, good films are missing in a way," adds committee member Carol McClellan. "We don't really have them up here, but we do have intellectuals who crave that sort of thing."

Indeed, it would appear that organizers hit the nail on the head with this initiative, as there wasn't an empty seat in the house on Thursday. And while patrons were being turned away at the front door, some couples inside the theatre were forced to split up in order to fill in the few remaining holes. Organizers and workers stood at the back of the theatre to help ensure there were enough seats for ticket holders.

Rea says the committee will consider holding an additional matinee screening each month, but notes that there are obstacles which would have to be ironed out first, such as finding a projectionist who can work during the daytime.

"We need to really look at what the demand is and see how we can best deal with it," she says. "It wouldn't be something that we could do right away...but there definitely is a market for more of this kind of stuff. People want to see good movies."

Following the film, people were invited for a cozy discussion at the Old Country House restaurant in Haliburton, but it turned out to be not-so-intimate when more than 70 of the movie's patrons filled the local eatery. Jim Blake of the HCDCC Arts Committee and Mike Jaycock and Joan Cameron of Canoe FM all spoke to the audience about their impressions of the film, Robert Altman's *A Prairie Home Companion*, and quipped about how it relates to the small-town radio industry.

Organizers plan to host a similar post-screening discussion after each film in the series, with relevant guest speakers whenever possible. Likewise, the location of the discussions will also change every month, in order to coincide with the theme and feel of the film.

"For example, if we bring *The Rocket* to Haliburton (a film about Maurice Richard), we'd love to host that discussion at McKeck's Place," says Rea. "You would not have a hockey movie and not have it at a hockey bar."

On October 12 the group will hold its second screening, Richard E. Grant's *Wah-Wah*, starring Gabriel Byrne, Miranda Richardson, and Nicholas Hoult. On November 9 a homegrown product will be showcased, with Canadian director Aubrey Nealon's *A Simple Curve*. And on December 14, the French film *Joyeux Noel*, which opened to great acclaim at the Cannes Film Festival, will round out the first quarter of the series with some festive spirit.



With 70 per cent of season's passes to "Those Other Movies" sold before Thursday's opening night, only the lucky ones could find a seat in the Molou Theatre. In keeping with the theme of the movie, *A Prairie Home Companion*, many patrons came dressed in western attire.

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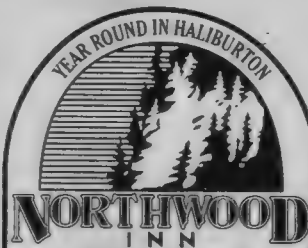


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Former Echo photographer 'films' documentary

Movies got their name from being moving pictures. Former Echo photographer Darren Lum has been involved in an exciting new film project that harks back to those early days of getting static photos to appear as if they were moving. He shot more than 12,000 photos for a film that, he hopes, may one day be aired on the Bravo! television network. This feature explores how it all came about.

MARTIN AVERY

Special to The Echo

Baby boomers and their parents will no doubt remember 'flip' or 'flicker' books. These are books that you hold in one hand and flip through the pages with the other. A series of drawings turns into an animation.

That concept has been taken a stage further by one film producer who is using the recent Muskoka Novel Marathon as the subject of a flipbook style of documentary.

Sue Kenney is a published author and producer who lives in Washago. She works with partner Bruce Pirrie, a writer, theatre director and Second City alumnus, and together they have produced two documentaries.

"Bruce and I participated in the novel marathon two years ago. We were co-writing a romantic comedy over the three days of the marathon and took it in turn writing chapters," Kenney said. That experience gave Kenney an understanding that not everyone is fortunate enough to be able to read and write.

When contacted earlier this year and asked if she would participate in the 2006 novel marathon, Kenney asked to be involved in a different way. "There is a wonderful camaraderie and bonding among the writers that takes place over the two and a half days of the marathon. I thought it would be interesting and amusing to do a creative documentary and raise money for the Muskoka Literacy Council."

Then Kenney met Darren Lum, a photographer for Muskoka Magazine. "I saw his work and I was impressed. He told me that one day he would like to do documentaries."

Meanwhile, Pirrie had heard about a feature film that was being made using photographs.

"We thought it would be fun to put



DARREN LUM/Special to The Echo

This image is from more than 12,000 frames taken for the reality-based animated short, depicting The 5th annual Novel Marathon in Huntsville. It has been named a Bravofact grant winner. The flip project's director of photography is former Haliburton County Echo photographer Darren Lum

photos together and have a four-minute short film. It would give people a feeling of the entire experience in a short period of time," said Kenney.

The idea of a flipbook style documentary came about after Pirrie's daughter researched a program on the computer about the art of flipbooks. "And we thought it was a great idea for us," Kenney said.

On the July weekend of the novel marathon, Kenney and her crew arrived at the stone house on West Road where the event was being held. "I didn't know what to expect. I figured we'd be taking a minimum of 5,000 photos for a four-minute film," Kenney recalled.

Just before the marathon began, the writers were asked to line up outside and run through a tape fashioned from a roll of toilet paper.

All the while Lum was shooting. "Darren's camera can take 40 photographs in a row. Then he resets his

camera," Kenney explained.

With the opening sequence 'in the can,' Lum continued photographing the writers as they worked over the following couple of days.

"Altogether he took 12,000 digital pictures. They are top quality colour. They are so good we could blow them up to poster size," Kenney said. "We even jokingly thought about going to an IMAX-size screen."

There are also four and a half hours of audio recording, Kenney added. "We recorded interviews with the authors and all the background noise for ambience. Now we are putting everything together to make a four-minute film. We've got some talented young technicians and an editor working on it. As it's new and experimental, we do have some issues we need to work through."

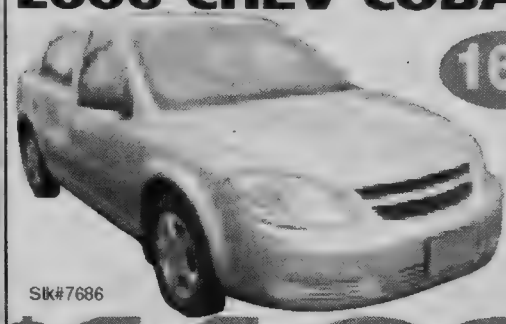
In the meantime, Kenney is trying to get government funding to help with the project. She is also working closely with

the Muskoka Literacy Council and the Huntsville Festival of the Arts, who host the novel marathon.

"[Festival board member] Karen Burns loves what we are doing. She would like to premiere the documentary showing it in tandem with the announcement of the novel marathon winners," said Kenney. "We would then sell DVD copies of the documentary as a fundraiser for the Literacy Council."

Although the film is not yet completed, there has been considerable interest shown in the project. Kenney has been interviewed on CBC radio and she has also received an invitation to show the documentary at a film festival in Thunder Bay.

Kenney doesn't plan to stop at a flip film either. "I'd love to produce a flicker book. People who can't read could see the story without reading the words. It would open up a whole new world for them," she says.

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Top: Some of the nation's top motocross riders faced off in the final Hare Scramble of the season at a property south of Wilberforce September 3. Riding in the expert class, Frank Cantin of Essex shows he's ready to race.

Far left: Tony Boerkamp of Delhi leads the pack out of the gate and finishes second behind Brian Wojnarowski of Bowmanville (#21). The placing gave Boerkamp the season win over Mike Vandenhoeck of Acton (#4).

Left: Chris Van Hove of Simcoe finished third in the race for a third place season finish.

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Josh Townsend's skill shines on the new outdoor court, which he and friends use on their lunch hour. "It's great," he said. "Helps get your skills ready, back in shape before (the high school basketball) season."

Hoop dream comes true

HHSS tennis court gets basketball makeover

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Photographer

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students will be able to spend their lunch hours getting a workout thanks to a new outdoor basketball court.

The court has risen from the ashes of the old tennis court, which had been the unofficial student smoking area. The motivation was to get students focused on healthy lunch activities.

"It's great," said Grade 11 student Josh Townsend, who plays for the school's basketball team. "It's something to do at lunch. It helps get your skills ready, back in shape before season."

"The priorities were to have a flat, paved surface that was accessible and inviting," said athletic director Ron Yake. "Basketball is a simple sport anyone can do with minimal equipment. We're going to look into getting it shovelled in the winter so it can be used for road hockey, broomball and snow soccer."

The project was principal Gary Brohman's idea, and stemmed from a frustration over the unsightly, outdated tennis courts previously in the space.

"Twenty years ago we built a tennis court, and over the 20 years it deteriorated," Brohman said. "Last March I decided we needed to do something about it. Through school funds and board funds, in collaboration with the phys. ed. department, we came up with putting in courts that resemble real courts and involve running."

The two neighbouring courts have been heavily used, with 24 students playing basketball the first day, and 36 the second.

"The good part of this is it requires no supervision," Brohman said. "It's a venue that kids grow up familiar with. This particular venue provides a cardiovascular workout. It's big enough that you can have a mini-game between the courts."

"It's awesome," said Grade 11 student Nelson Evans. "Usually we play football at lunch, but now that we've got the court, it's basketball instead. There's a lot of running. It's good exercise."

The court is reserved for students during school hours, but the public is invited to use it any other time. Either way, school officials want to see it gets used.

"I think it's an awesome thing because kids who

want to be active and don't make a team can go out after school," said physical education teacher Sharon Dibblee. "One kid or five can go out and use it. Anything that gets kids active we're smiling about."



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Taro Nagashima tries to get one past Josh Townsend. The exchange student from Japan says he likes the court.

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Battle for the ball

Curtis Jennings fights off a LCVI defender during the season opening game for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior boys' soccer team. The boys lost 3-1, but their lone marker was a landmark because the boys were scoreless last season.

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Record number of runners compete in 100-mile race

A record number of runners – 220, including a man from Norway – toed the line at the 13th annual Haliburton Forest Trail Race last weekend.

After a roll call and prayer by Helen Malmberg, race director, the runners were off into the trails of the forest.

The 100 mile trail race was won by Jeff Simpkins of Keswick. Jeff smashed his last year's winning time by 35 minutes to win the 100 in a time of 18:19. The first woman in the 100 was Paula Burchat from Ottawa in a time of 23:07. It was a race to the finish as Laurie McGrath was hot on Paula's heels finishing in 23:08.

The 25k was won by Mark Tarnopolsky of Hamilton in a time of 2:04. The first woman in the 25k was Jennifer Glover of North York in 2:05.

The 50k, was won by Glenna Fravmeni of Toronto in a time of 5:01. The first

male was Don Pinksen of Guelph in a time of 5:11.

Paul Trebilcock of Hamilton won the 50 miler in a time of 7:57 and Iris Cooper of Toronto was first woman in a time of 10:25. Local runner Jason Glecoff ran the 50 miler in a time of 12:36 and looks forward to the day he can start training for the 100 miler.

The volunteers were awesome this year. One aid station was captained by local Don Kuzenko who was assisted by his wife Cory Bennett, Porsche Bagg, Madison Espie, Julie Bagg, Fred Black, Gwen Atkinson, as well as others.

Without the volunteers there would be no race. A big thank you to Murray and Zelda Cooper who ran an aid station for the first time. Murray also put glow sticks up along the course to keep runners from getting lost.

Tales from an aid station along the trail

I've been volunteering at the HF100 for the last few years but this was the first year that I had my own aid station. I conscripted my wife Cory, along with a handful of friends to help out.

It's impossible not to be touched by the amazing individuals participating in the race. From the overall winner (think about it – 100 miles over rough trails partially in the dark) in 18 hours and change, to those who were unable to complete the race for various reasons each and every participant gets full credit for getting to the start line!

It's impossible to list all of the high-

lights but some of main ones include the feeling of being part of and helping out with such a tremendous event. The runners are so appreciative and gracious that it makes you want to try harder to help them. We had the pleasure of helping a lost runner (thanks Porsche, Madison, and Julie), as well as 'pacing' a few runners to the finish. The remaining runners on Sunday afternoon interrupted their awards lunch to cheer the last runner across the finish line and sing her 'happy birthday' and I doubt you could have found a dry eye in the place.

Don Kuzenko

HALIBURTON LEGION - BRANCH 129

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Wilberforce on the run

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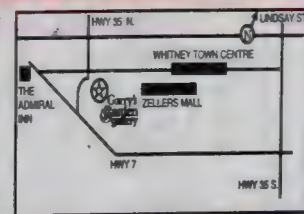
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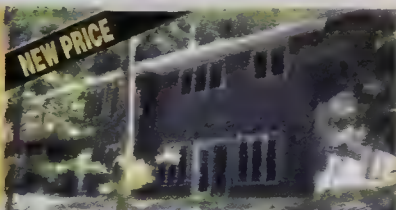
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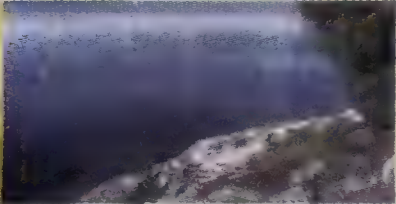
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Turkish student immerses herself in the Highlands

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Up until three weeks ago, Canada was nothing more than a destination on the map for Selin Akcicek; one of 193 countries sprinkled across the globe, and situated half the world away. All that changed on August 29, however, when the teenager from Turkey arrived in the quaint village of Haliburton, which she can now call home for the upcoming year.

As the latest visitor on the Rotary Club's international student exchange program, Selin still seems somewhat intimidated by her new surroundings, but perhaps that much should be expected. After all, she just recently left behind her life in Izmir, Turkey, a city with a population of more than three million, and entered a

community where people are largely outnumbered by towering, whispering pines and poplars.

At the age of 14, Selin is the youngest student to ever come to Haliburton on the Rotary exchange. As a result, she will spend her first three months with Steve and Andrea Roberts, who are largely in charge of the exchange program. At the end of her stay with the Roberts she will then bunk with three other local families before returning to Turkey next summer.

Still adjusting to life in Canada, Selin remains very shy upon her first encounter with new people, and her reservation is only amplified when that somebody is a reporter from the local newspaper. In Turkey, she has studied the English language since the first grade, so her comprehension is at a level where she can understand everything that is said to her – as long as it is said slowly. But when asked a pointed question, Selin often opts to keep her answers short, unconvinced of her grasp on our native tongue.

Of course, as the months roll onward, so too will Selin's understanding of English, and in part, that's why she signed up for the exchange. By immersing herself in an English environment, Selin hopes to leave Haliburton fully fluent, and with a greater understanding of a foreign culture quite different from the world she's accustomed to.

Although the village of Haliburton was assigned to her by program officials, Canada was undoubtedly her top choice of destinations. Selin says that when her mother was the same age, she had always wanted to travel to Canada. But like many others, her mother never realized her dream of travelling and, as a result, she was very supportive of her daughter's decision to see the world.

"My mom said that 'When I was your age I wanted to go, but my dad said no. But you can go, because it's so good for your life,'" Selin says, adding that her mother also felt Canada was a more accepting and safe environment for her daughter than the United States.

Before coming to Canada Selin had been on family trips to France, Austria, Spain, and New Jersey, and



GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

Selin Akcicek, 14, is the youngest student to visit Haliburton through the Rotary exchange program. She will spend the next year as a Grade 10 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and hopes that by immersing herself in the English language she can become fully fluent by the end of her stay.

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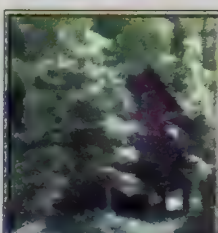
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Unlike past exchange students, at least Selin has encountered snow

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had also taken a school trip to Greece with her school's basketball, volleyball, and swimming teams. Here in Haliburton she might consider playing volleyball at Hal High, but the one pastime she would really like to keep up is horseback riding.

Oddly enough, although Izmir's population is nearly 200 times the size of Haliburton County's, her high school back home is dwarfed by the current population of HHSS. Last year at her private, all-girls high school, the total student enrollment was listed at 23, which is less than a single class here in Haliburton.

Although she's enjoying the landscape of the Highlands, with its abundance of trees, hills, and sparkling lakes, the climate could use a little tweaking as far as she's concerned. Generally, at this time of year the temperature in her hometown can soar as high as 35° Celsius, which is a stark contrast to the blustery fall weather in Haliburton as of late.

But unlike past exchange students, Selin has at least

encountered snow previously in her lifetime; it snows in Ankara, where she was born, but she's also experienced it on the groomed slopes of a ski hill. One can't help but expect her to be bundled in polar fleece come mid-January, shivering, complaining, and daydreaming of sunny days alongside the rest of us.

And while Selin experiences her first birthday away from home (September 22), her first Hallowe'en, and her first holiday season come this December, an exchange student from Missouri is back in Izmir staying with Selin's father Fatih, mother Yesim, and 10-year-old brother Canberk.

However, it's far too early for Selin to be homesick, and she says that she's not the type to fall victim of such vulnerability anyhow. For now, she has her sights set on meeting new people and taking in the history and culture of Canada. Plus, technology such as email and webcams allow her to have real-time conversations with her friends and family in Turkey, meaning home is never much more than a mouse-click away.



Top left: Selin and her family welcome Rachel, a Rotary exchange student from Missouri, to Turkey. Above: Selin snowboarded once in Austria, and may try her luck at Sir Sam's this winter. Below: Selin poses with her father, Fatih, who is a Rotarian in Izmir, Turkey.



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A weekend in August 2006 brought us to the cottage on Tedious (Long) Lake with friends and family. While we were sitting on the dock enjoying the company, peace and quiet of the lake and the beautiful scenery, a great blue heron flew in and landed on our floating raft around 4 p.m.. He doesn't seem to be too concerned with us, or even with my husband, Doug, who came in our bay in the kayak. Although none of us know how to tell the gender of the bird, we all just assumed it is was a "he".

We all marvelled at his grace and wondered how old he might be. Alan, our friend, said "He must young, considering his slender physique". We all quietly gazed at him, when suddenly, he dove into the water (not too gracefully) and jumped back up on to the raft with a fish in his mouth! Then, with a flick of his beak he swallowed the little fish whole!

Margie, our friend, exclaimed, "Look how his neck seems to enlarge as if to expand it to allow the fish to slide down!" Doug said that, "He must have quite an amazing digestive system to be able to eat a fish whole, bones, scales and all". We all discussed this and felt very privileged that we were privy to watch this natural event so closely.

The blue heron continued to walk slowly around the edge of the raft, cocking its head this way and that looking into the water.

Meanwhile Doug has brought the kayak in to the dock, a mere 50 feet from the floating raft, and although the heron is keeping his eye on the kayak, straightening his neck up and flapping his wings a little, he does not really seem to be too bothered with our presence at all and shows no sign of impending flight.

I figured he must come into our bay every evening to



Despite its skinny neck, this heron surprised onlookers, swallowing its prey whole.

eat, as we are only here on the weekend and with the weedy section of waterfront that is home to many frogs and small fish this is probably a favourite eatery for the heron.

As Doug maneuvered the kayak to take a photo he got closer and closer to the raft – the heron merely walked to

the opposite side, still not seeming to be too concerned. Eventually Doug brought the kayak right up to the floating raft and told us how the heron's eyes are bright yellow. Still the heron seemed to show no signs of feeling threatened, but all the same he pushed off in flight, not away from us, but towards us and glided onto the shore to the right of our dock. We all held our breath and didn't dare move.

As the heron walked along the shoreline towards us, I wondered, "Is he is going to come up on the dock?" He didn't, but continued past the dock and slowly made his way along the shoreline towards the weedy section. We whispered to each other "He's going to catch frogs".

Slowly, the heron crept along the shoreline; then, he crouched, cocked his head to one side. Stephanie, our son Michael's girlfriend, whispered that there was a chipmunk near the rock there. We all hoped it doesn't scare the frog away.

No sooner does she say this, than WHAM! The heron

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'Poor little chippy didn't know what hit him'

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stabbed the chipmunk with his spear-like beak! The poor little thing struggled, kicking his legs briefly, then went limp. We all gasp, and are shocked that the heron actually caught a chipmunk!

We all start talking at once now. "Did you see that?! Oh my gawd!" "Ugh! "Did he mean to do that?" "Maybe he's too young to realize that it was a chipmunk - he won't possibly eat it!" Margie and Stephanie both say almost in unison "Poor little chippy, he didn't know what hit him!" We are all both excited and mournful to have witnessed this. It was like watching a real live nature show on T.V.

Meanwhile, the heron continued to walk slowly along the shoreline towards the weedy section with the chipmunk still in his beak. What will he do with it now? Then as we watch in horror he dips the little limp body in the water several times. We all puzzle over this behaviour. "Is he getting it wet so it will slide down his throat easier?" The heron continues to dip the little chipmunk into the water, Michael, in the meantime jumped into the kayak to get a better picture and headed

toward the weedy section. The heron took flight across our small bay and landed on the shoreline there where he continued to dip his prey into the water. Then with a few jerks of its head, down goes the little hairy morsel! We all moan and groan "Ohhhhhh the poor little chippy!" Alan pointed out that we didn't react the same way when the heron caught the little fish, yet here we all are moaning about the chipmunk! This sparks debate about how we can relate better to chipmunks than to fish.

I said, "Well really, that's quite a balanced diet of fish and meat!" Alan replied, "Yeah, a little fish and chippy for dinner." We all groan and laugh! We're glad our Dana, our daughter, wasn't here to see that (she's at camp), she should have been horrified to see that little chipmunk end up like that! Meanwhile the heron contin-

ues to hang out on the opposite side of the bay drinking water continuously. I said, "It must be like a cat having a hairball stuck in its throat." Margie said, "No, his eyes were bigger than his belly and he bit off more than he could chew!" We all laugh and watch him as he continued to take drink after drink.

Dusk is coming and we begin to discuss how we really should start dinner. What shall we cook? "Hey, is anyone up for a little fish and chips?"

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Elderberries paint up a creative storm

Last Thursday, September 7, 22 Elderberries arrived at 4957 Kennisis Lake Road, armed with an assortment of old paint brushes and bags of creative enthusiasm. Their task was to create an acrylic painting and raise funds for Nora's Island, which the family of Nora Carruthers wants to donate to the lake as part of a land trust.

After supper and fortified with a glass or two of wine, these 24 non-artists set to work on a 40" x 36" canvas. Before long paint was flying in all directions as they roughed in a cobalt sky, scrambled in tall pines and balsams, scraped out elegant birch trees and bounced reflections into the water.

The event was most likely the first-ever mass Haliburton paint-a-thon. The result ended up being a vivid, ready-to-hang, fall-themed painting of the entrance-way between Kennisis and Kelly Lakes.

Wilf McOstrich, an Elderberry member and the evening's co-host, is also a member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour. He says, "they were the best students he has ever tried to control," adding that the painting named "September Song" is a remarkable piece of work from people who have never painted anything together before."

From first stroke to last, the painting was completed in less than sixty minutes. Then, creatively exhausted, the budding Rembrandts and Monets went back to finish their wine and lay plans for an even bigger and better artwork for next year.

The painting will be posted on eBay for sale and any proceeds will be donated to the Nora's Island Fund run by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association.

For further information please contact:

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Top, the collaborative painting entitled "September Song" was created to raise money for Nora's Island. Bottom, the artistic Elderberry crew surrounds their handiwork.

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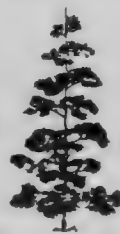
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Wade and Cheryl Covert talk to Michelle Smith at Cardiff Heritage Day about family heirlooms that they would like to share with the community.

A yard sale and barbecue were part of the fun at the Cardiff Heritage Day

SHERYL LOUCKS

Special to the Echo

Staring at the stiff, unsmiling faces of their ancestors brought soft smiles to the faces of many as they recalled memories of another era during last Saturday's Cardiff Heritage Day.

Michelle Smith had perhaps the broadest smile of the lot, standing in front of a display of old photographs at the Highland Grove Community Centre.

"We're so pleased with the turnout. It gives us a chance to show people what we're doing and explain that we actually need some money to get it done," she says.

Smith is a member of the Highland Heritage Committee. The group has been researching family histories as

they cobble together the history of Cardiff Township, Highland Grove and Harcourt. Their goal is to store the books of information they have already compiled along with rotating displays of artifacts in the old log schoolhouse now resting on the property at the community centre.

The Heritage Day activities included live music, a barbecue, book sale and a chance to reconnect with the past by going through the books of genealogy and pictures the committee has collected. Smith says it would be nice if they raised some money but it was just as important to get people out to see their progress.

The old school is now sitting on a new foundation. This year, Smith says, they are hoping to replace old damaged logs and replace the windows. There is not a

floor in the building right now so that will be the next step.

Wade and Cheryl Covert were two of several people who used the opportunity of the Heritage Day to talk about the antiques and local artifacts that they have stored at home be shared with the community at the old school.

"Our focus is on completing a history of every family in Cardiff Township. Genealogy is so popular right now, it's important to have it all in one place," says Smith.

Donna MacDonald and her mother Leola Pacey couldn't agree more. They came over from Haliburton for the afternoon to get back in touch with their roots. MacDonald was drawn to a photograph on the display of the last train to roll through Highland Grove. She was raised in Harcourt and used to

ride the IB&O train to Highland Grove to visit with her grandmother. She recalled afternoons of making bread and churning butter.

"On the last day the train ran, my mother pulled us out of school so we could ride on it. I still have the ticket," she says.

Pacey met more than her memories as she and the Coverts flipped through a family history book. They discovered they were cousins. Pacey says she was aware of the connection between them but Wade and Pacey had never met before as adults. They got caught up on shared relations, including photos of Pacey's twin great-grandsons. Two bright new smiling faces to add to the family history book.

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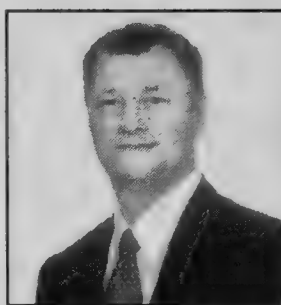
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2006 marks 80th anniversary

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September 17 to September 23 marks Legion Week. Legion Week this year is extra special because 2006 represents the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion members of our Branch 624 and the Ladies Auxiliary do a lot of hard work and are very dedicated to Wilberforce and the surrounding community. The work of our Branch 624 is a well-kept secret but their community efforts are BIG.

Legion members are visible on some occasions such as Remembrance Day but not everyone is aware that our Branch is contributing in one way or another to the quality of life of our local community. Our Branch raises money through fundraising events such as meat draws, horseshoe competitions, darts, etc and virtually all this money is put back into the community supporting such as the Wilberforce Elementary school projects, Wilberforce Elementary School Healthy Snack Program, Cancer Society, the War Amps of Ontario, Youth Education Program and many other community and youth programs. Legion Week is open to the public and is a time set aside each year to promote The Royal Canadian Legion and try to attract new members.

We encourage members of the community to come out and celebrate Legion Week with us and the 624 Executive Members: President, Honours & Awards, Sick & Visiting and Chaplin - Dave Burton. Past President-Bonnie Jessup. 1st Vice President & Bar - Bruce Rennie. 2nd Vice President & Ways and Means - Bob Anderson. Sgt-At-Arms - Len Crawford. Secretary - Janice Sorensen. Treasurer - Nancy Hoshian. Youth Education - Valerie Smith. Public Relations - Mel Smith. Veterans Services Program - Elois

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Young people from Wilberforce School are encouraged to enter our Branch's annual poster, literary and essay contests. The entries will be based on a remembrance theme reminding the children that the freedom they enjoy today was won through the loss of many young lives. More information on this will be shortly given to the children by Valerie Smith.

Lest We Forget: Get well wishes go out to Scott Sudsbury who is in the Bowmanville Hospital.

There are many great upcoming events:
September 19: General Membership Meeting

September 20: 7:30 p.m. dart night. This is a fun night out and joining a team is not necessary. Just come out and enjoy every Wed. evening

September 21: 1:00 p.m. euchre. Enjoy an afternoon of card playing and fellowship every Thursday. Cost only \$2 which goes toward prizes.

September 22: 12 p.m. pool. Entry fee \$5 per person.

September 24: 7:00 p.m. Honor and Awards

September 23: 3:00 p.m. meat draw held every Saturday afternoon

September 24: 1 p.m. horseshoe tournament. Registration time: 12: p.m. Entry fee \$5.

September 30: Paul Adams Cribbage Tournament. Registration 11:00 a.m. Start Time 12 p.m. Entry fee \$20 per 2 person team

October 3: 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting

October 8: 9:00 a.m. All you can eat Sunday Brunch. 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Adults \$6.00 children \$3.00 and children under 6 free

As you can plainly see we have just a tremendous selection of things going on at our Legion Branch 624. Come on out and join us and I'm sure you will be glad you did. If you think you would like to join our Branch, ask for an application from the Bar Steward.

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Cassandra Wyszowski discusses her work Bold Birches at the Rails End Gallery during Saturday's Dancing the Brush show opening and artist walkabout. Wyszowski's Japanese brush painting uses sumi-e, watercolour and acrylic to depict Highlands-inspired landscapes in the Oriental tradition. Heronessence was made into a T-shirt for the Chateau Woodlands Lakeside Community Club for its 10th anniversary. "You absorb from your surroundings," Wyszowski said, "then you paint from your impressions. I never paint plein air. It's an Oriental philosophical technique. You don't seek to copy what you're looking at."

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Family stumbles upon potential blaze

DUANE CARPENTER

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My children, my sister and I visited Haliburton Forest on the weekend of August 25. We decided to hike Black Bear pond trail to the scenic lookout. When we arrived we discovered a small fire in a tree stump at the top of the hill. Small flames and considerable smoke were visible as we approached. Dry leaves on the ground and many dead twigs and trees were available as fuel for this careless fire. It was starting to spread in the direction of the other lookout on the other side of this mountain.

We put it out with some water we had for drinking and attempted to dig a small trench surrounding the burning area. Thankfully a signal for my cellular phone was available this high in the park. I called the base camp around 12.30 p.m. and about 40 minutes later two workers on four-wheelers showed up with water and other equipment.

It appears carelessness is the cause. Having a fire in a tree stump is not a good idea. This was a good lesson for my son Grady, who is just five. H

How long was this small fire burning? My guess is since the night before at least since we found two empty tuna cans in the fire and a plastic tip from a small cigar, such as a Colts.

This was my first camping trip there in eight years and the first with my kids. My son loved the wolf centre, fishing, the campfires with popcorn and smores. Seeing the stars and satellite orbiting the earth in total darkness just before bed was pretty exciting for my two kids.

Let's hope a lot of people get the message about camp fires, especially ones in tree stumps in non designated areas.

Haliburton forest truly is a natural gem in all that it offers, all within a couple hours' drive from Toronto. Let's hope and pray it will be around for a lifetime without any major catastrophes.



Duane Carpenter and his family arrived at a campsite at Haliburton forest only to discover a smouldering fire in the trunk of a tree. They were able to put out the small fire, but it was a reminder of how important it is to ensure that all fires are completely extinguished.



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Fall forest scene a delight of sight and sound

community news

harcourt

Valerie Smith
443-2847

As I walked through the forest the other day I realized the magic of it never ceases to amaze me. It was filled with the sounds of scampering feet as chattering squirrels and chipmunks retreated and there was a delightful chorus of insects and the shrill piping sound of a partridge.

The whispering sounds of the pine and the trembling of poplar and birch in the

soft winds added to the harmony. Overhead the whirl of raven wings and honking sounds a flock of geese joined into the woodland rhapsody. I also noticed Mother Nature had already turned her hand to giving a dusting of frost to some of the trees turning them from green to magical hues of gold and red.

As I witnessed the forest beauty, I likened it to the strange beauty of a ceremony of a social order I recently attended. Each had survived and transcended over countless years of time and both continue to bestow peace and tranquility. Just like the forest and the moving experience of the ceremony, a simple

comment from my daughter made me realize a family can also provide the same inner peace. She remarked that she wanted to provide for her daughter Rachel the kind of care I gave her and provide for her all the opportunities I gave her while she was growing up. I do not believe there could be any greater reward bestowed upon a parent than to hear one's child wants to be the kind of parent they were.

JoAnne and Carman Coumbs were moved when their children, daughter Jennifer and her husband Jason and son Steve and his wife Susie, presented them with a lovely gathering of family and friends upon the occasion of their anniversary. JoAnne and Carman extend a deep thank you to their children.

The Cardiff Township Heritage Day held at the Highland Grove Community Center was an enormous success. On this glorious sunshine day many friends renewed old friendships and made new while enjoying delicious food and great music. Scattered across the lawns, various tables were set up offering yard sale items. Inside Joanne Burroughs and Michelle Smith were kept very busy answering questions from many people interested in their family heritage.

Conversation was naturally centered on families past and present. Numerous books on the local families in the Highland Grove area, prepared by the Highland Heritage Committee, were available for perusal by the numerous guests who took the opportunity to examine and read-through the well researched and well prepared documents. Thank you to all the members of the Highland Heritage Committee for providing this

old-fashioned and fun-filled afternoon social.

We are very pleased to learn that Keith Shatraw is at home and doing very well following his recent operation. Wishes for a continued and speedy recovery go out from all.

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

September 19: Brushstrokes – Artists' Paint-Out. Local Artists paint-out at Highland Grove Community Centre every third Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information contact Linda Middleton 705 448 9397

September 20: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Center. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

September 21: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Center. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing Euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

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 And I would be having a whole new story to rhyme.
 Now the 400 metre prediction was really rough
 And my 10 second out was not good enough to get a medal,
 the one for which I longed,
 For I was classed with the 65 year olds, I think I was wronged.
 Every night we had music and singing and even Patsy Cline
 Just an imitation, but she was divine.
 Then there was my pal, off to the pool
 Boy she can swim, she is no fool,
 Breast stroked all the way to be victorious
 To win a silver medal, oh, that was glorious.
 Then on Thursday everybody gathered for fish,
 And Friday a pancake breakfast, what more could you wish.
 Then closing ceremonies, a dinner and dance to end the week
 And early in the morning the plane to seek.
 So after all, all I can say
 Is we had a great time all the way.
 And now I must keep on walking, perfectly time my gait
 And get that medal in New Brunswick in 2008!

By Ev Stata



NOTICE

(Applicant - PARLETTE)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF COCKEREL LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 10th day of October, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands.

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 31, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-8306.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands Est shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 19th day of September, 2006.

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- **Now until Sept. 28:** Fred Forsey September Art Show. (Open House: Sat., Sept. 2nd, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Bobcaygeon Library Art Room, 21 Canal St., Bobcaygeon, (705) 738-2088, During Library Hours.
- **Sept. 19:** Hospice Kawartha Lakes - is hosting a palliative care training course for future volunteers. Call Hospice Kawartha Lakes at 324-2811 for cost & to register before Sept. 12.
- **Sept. 19:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting - held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Sept. 20:** Community Care Diner's Club meets for lunch at Win Yeung's in Haliburton. Lunch begins at 12 noon. These luncheons are available to seniors & adults with disabilities and their caregivers. For more info. on these luncheons, call 457-2941.
- **Sept. 20:** Register For Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Sept. 20:** The Minden Lions Club and Community Care have once again partnered, and are holding a fundraiser Golf Tournament at the North Ridge Golf Course. Call 457-2941 for more information.
- **Sept. 20:** From Lullabies to Literacy - Haliburton. Getting excited about books starts at a young age. Bring your child (0-6 yrs.) for a relaxed and easy-going morning with other parents through activity, songs and stories that help children to love books & learn to read. If you enjoyed Parent-Child Mother Goose, then you will likely enjoy this program too! 10 weekly sessions begin in Haliburton on Wed., Sept. 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more info or to register please call Lisa at Family Services of Haliburton County 457-5345 or Brenda at OEYC 286-4625.
- **Sept. 21:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Bid Euchre to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **Sept. 21:** Bullying Prevention Workshop with Dianne Loucks will be held at the Ontario Early Years in Minden. This workshop is for parents with toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarten children. She introduces bullying behaviours, and home awareness & prevention ideas. Thurs., Sept. 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the OEYC in Minden (behind Sears). Please register at 286-1770 by Mon., Sept. 18th. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Sept. 21:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose Program - Minden. A fun, friendly, relaxed morning for parents & children from newborn to 2-1/2 years, learning rhymes, songs, and stories together. Discover new ways to deal with fussy times. These 10 weekly sessions begin in Minden on Thurs., Sept. 21. Ask about our childcare program for your older siblings. Please call Minden OEYC to register 286-4625 or Family Services of Haliburton County 457-5345.
- **Sept. 21:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Sept. 22:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Cribbage to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **Sept. 22:** Community Care Diner's Club meets for lunch at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt. Lunch begins at 12 noon. These luncheons are available to seniors & adults with disabilities and their caregivers. For more info. on these luncheons, call Eileen at 448-2596.
- **Sept. 23:** Fall Colours Arts & Crafts Show in the Dorset Parkette, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 23:** Lochlin United Church - Please join us for our first "Harvest Ham Dinner", featuring Ham, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, and our famous Lochlin pies. 5, 6 & 7 p.m. sittings. For tickets call Lois at 286-1765.
- **Sept. 23:** Dorset Seniors Club Community Spaghetti Dinner & Auction, 5:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 25:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Contract Bridge to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Before Sept. 29:** Community Care has organized an overnight bus trip that will take you on a wonderful excursion to Niagara Falls and Niagara on the Lake. (Nov. 7 & 8). This trip includes transportation by Highway Coach, accommodation at the Hampton Inn in Niagara Falls, 1 breakfast, tickets to performance of High Society at the Shaw Theatre, admission to the Botanical Gardens, the Imax Theatre, and the Butterfly Conservatory, and dinner at Hagans on the way back to Haliburton County. To book your seat or join the trip, or for cost info., please call 457-2941.
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- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.** **NOTE:** This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

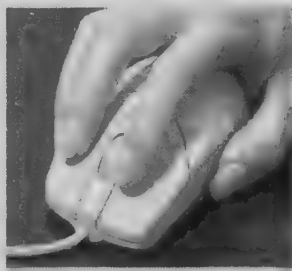


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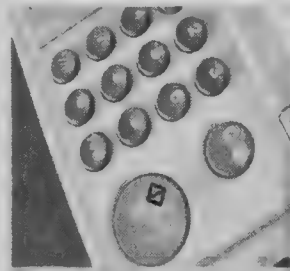
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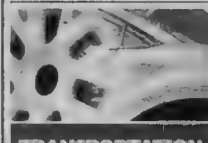
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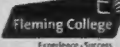
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- Virna Wagg

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Deaths

BAILEY, Mr. Merrill - At the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Peggie and the late Muriel. Loving father of Johnston (Adela) of Richmond Hill, Gary (Christine) of Haliburton, Candice McJury (Ron) of Erin and Rick of Myrtle Beach. Loved by his step-children, Ian Neville (Denise) of Burlington, Bryan Neville (Marty) of Lochlin, Sherida Sibley (Terry) of Keswick, Margaret Scheffee (David) of Lochlin, and Graham Neville (Betty) of Edmonton. Dear brother of Dr. Lloyd of Toronto, Cecil of Haliburton, Lorne of Haliburton and Lois Emmerson of Haliburton. Cherished grandfather of Tina, Heather, Ian and Madison and great grandfather of Hudson, Skyler, Mikyla, Daniel and Ryan. Merrill was a WWII Veteran Bomber Pilot and was shot down July 1, 1942 and was taken as a prisoner of war until 1945. In accordance with Merrill's wishes cremation has taken place and there will be a Celebration of his life at a later date. In memory of Merrill donations may be made to the Salvation Army or the VON. Arrangements entrusted to the Nisbett Funeral Home And Chapel 600 Monaghan Rd., S Peterborough

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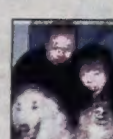
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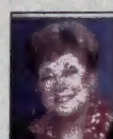
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Gull Lake: Sunsets on Gull Lake! Expansive western view featuring an island & 100' of sandy shoreline on a terraced lot with yr. rmd. access. This 3-bdrm Viceroy is well kept, full insulated, winter water is easy to install for full 4-season use, floor to ceiling stone FP & double garage.
Call Elizabeth Thompson

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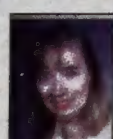
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2051 Horseshoe Lake Road: Immaculate 2 storey country home, large kitchen and dining area, w/o to rear deck, 3+1 bdrms, 2 bathrooms, w/o finished basement, mud room off garage, FAO heating, 3 acres, short walk to public beach.
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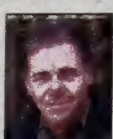
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Royal Home: Well located & maintained 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Royal home w/full finished w/o basement, skylights, hardwood floors, detached garage, central air, central vac, and oil furnace.
Call Melanie Vigrass

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Vigrass*
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Stormy Lake: 250 ft. of sand/rock shoreline highlight this beautiful & lovingly maintained cottage. Fabulous level lot w/southern exposure. Great 3 bdrm cottage, exterior newly painted in 2005. New jet pump & heated water line in 2005. Boathouse at waters edge. Turn Key - just bring food & friends.
Call Frank Wilson

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